

St Paul the Apostle Parish

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Office hours: Monday to Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

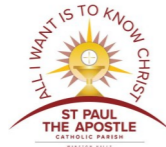
Emergencies or Anointing of the Sick:
call 9639 6516 and press 5

Administrator: Father Jobi Payyappilly

Assistant Priest: Father Ambrose Owusu-Ansah



For latest updates



Weekend Mass times

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am and 5:00pm

Weekday Mass times

Monday to Saturday 9.10am (*preceded by 8:40am Rosary*)
Thursday 7.00pm (*preceded by 6:00pm Adoration*)

Reconciliation: Thursday 6.15pm - 6.45pm (*during Adoration*)
First Friday 6.00pm - 7.00pm (*during Adoration*)
Saturday 4.00pm - 4.45pm

Adoration: Thursday 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Adoration (24hour) First Friday 9.45am - 9.00am Saturday

Baptisms: First and Third Sunday of each month

Baptism bookings only [via our website](#)

ANZAC Day Dawn Mass (6:00am Saturday, April 25th) and Scroll

A special Dawn Mass will be celebrated on ANZAC Day at 6:00am with morning tea to follow. Feel free to bring a plate. Please also note:

- you are invited to bring a photo and place it on the Sanctuary steps prior to Mass.
- a scroll will be placed on the Altar during this Mass and will be offered for all those listed, and you are invited to include names on the scroll which is on the table as you enter the Church.
- the regular Saturday morning Mass at 9.10am (and preceding Rosary) will still be celebrated.

Upcoming funeral service at St Paul the Apostle Church

✠ for the late Emmy Cox which will be held either Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Caritas Project Compassion boxes - closing off next weekend

Your generous support will provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, water shortages, while building resilience. We kindly request that all boxes be returned by next weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Relocation of table and bulletins at entrance to Church

To assist in the ease of congestion in the flow of the congregation before and after Mass, the table containing the bulletins, registers and other items of importance have been relocated into the main foyer of the Church.

World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) Parish Prayer Ministry: this Monday, April 13th

Approved by the Holy See, the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF) with millions of members worldwide, live the message of Fatima and try to give witness of God's love, imitating also the little shepherds of Fatima, Saint Francisco and Saint Jacinta Marto and Sister Lúcia. The WAF recognises and supports our own Parish Prayer Ministry and is a response to Our Lady's call for prayer, penance and sacrifice. The intention is to meet once a month for a holy hour to pray, learn and live the message of Fatima.

It is recommended to enrol and become a member of the WAF (free to join) where your name will be placed at Our Lady's feet in the Chapel of Apparitions, in Fatima. Please come along this Monday 13th at 7:00pm and join us in the Marian Chapel.

The theme for this gathering: Marian apparition in Nicaragua (1980) shows a profound and compelling similarity to Our Lady of Fatima.

To find out more or to sign up, please visit: <https://worldfatima.com/en/join-us>. **Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!**

Nominations extended to Friday 17th: the Saint Paul the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Nominations close this Friday, April 17th Please refer to the Nomination Form as you enter the Church which contains further details.

Want to know more? Please contact John Valjak (PPC Chairperson) via the parish office or Father Jobi.

PPC Guidelines: stpaultheapostleparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/PPCGuidelinesV2023.01.pdf

Bishop Vincent presents Archbishop Ryan Jimenez: Tuesday, April 21st

Archbishop Ryan Jimenez, Archbishop of Agana in Guam and President of the Episcopal Conference of the Pacific is the first guest speaker for this year's Bishop Vincent Presents series at 6pm on Tuesday, April 21st in Cloister Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Archbishop Jimenez will reflect on the theme "An Immigrant Bishop for an Immigrant Church." To register: parracatholic.org/jimenez

A conversation with the Sisters of Saint Joseph on Homelessness: Thursday, April 23rd

In partnership with Sisters of Saint Joseph, join us on zoom at 5.00pm on to raise some possible responses to the urging of the 2025 Bishops' Statement: Signs of Hope on the Edge. To register visit: parracatholic.org/events/online-conversation-homelessness/

Save the date! Annual St Paul the Apostle Parish Feast Day: Sunday, June 28th

Over the coming month or two we will be reaching out to our parishioners about this special celebration in our parish. We also cannot make this happen without the generous time and assistance of our volunteers! Please save the date and stay tuned for more details.

Adult Confirmations 2026

The Office for Worship will host a Catechesis Formation Day for candidates (16+) interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will be on Saturday, August 29th at Blacktown with Confirmation to take place on Tuesday, September 1st at the Cathedral.

For more details please contact ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Rosary Workshops: May 5th and 20th

A fun evening of community and crafting rosary beads that will then be donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. Held Tuesday May 5th and Wednesday 20th at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown from 7pm. Cost: \$5 per person payable on arrival. To register or for more information, visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops or ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Ministry of Care courses: June 3rd—24th

Those who visit the sick and are involved in the Ministry of Communion to the Sick and Dying in Hospitals, Aged Care Facilities and in Homes are invited to attend this course. Will take place every Wednesday in June at 7pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. Register via parracatholic.org/ministry-of-care-courses to reserve your spot. For enquiries: ofw@parracatholic.org or 0460 037 795.

Liturgical Ministry Courses - please register early to avoid missing out

This free formation is open to anyone interested in serving within our Ministries as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. Courses will commence in September 2026.

To enrol and for details, please contact the parish office. Registrations close August 4th but places may run out well before that date.

Free Weekly Legal Clinic at Catholic Care, Emerton

Every Thursday from 11 am at Catholic Care (11 Emert Parade, Emerton) you can visit for FREE legal advice on matters including: Family Law, Care and Protection, Local Court matters, Wills and Estates and Traffic Offences. Enquiries or for bookings call 8843 2500.

Interested in knowing more? All enquirers welcome

Are you, or is someone you know, not Catholic but may be interested in finding out more about what Catholics believe and understanding Catholic Teachings? Please leave your name with the Parish Office to arrange a quick chat.

Parish Safeguarding Statement

We take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons seriously. Refer concerns to the Parish Priest, or to Office for Safeguarding and Professional Standards safeguarding@parracatholic.org or 8838 3419. More information available at www.safeguarding.org.au

Moments of Mercy

Souls perish in spite of My bitter Passion. I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity. (*Diary 965*)

Vocations reflection

Seeing physically dead people return to life is not a common event. But Christians, serious about their vocation, are eager to help the "down and out" find new meaning in Christ and live a full life.

Communion to the sick

Contact parish office to organise.

Mother of Perpetual Help

Novena prayed after Mass every Wednesday morning.

Thursday Cenacles

Held in Marian Chapel after every Thursday morning Mass.

Christ's Catholic Community

Prayer group every Friday 10am: Parish Centre Conference Room.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays 3:30pm in Marian Chapel.

Liturgy of the Hours

First Friday at 6:00pm

Mass with Ephpheta

Third Sunday at 9:30am

Women's Ministry St Paul's

Third Thursday of the month: 6pm-Church, 8pm-Parish Hall

2SM Filipino Mass

Second Sunday at 11:00am

St Vincent de Paul Society

2nd & 4th Mondays of the month
7pm Parish Centre conference room
Assistance? 131812 (M-F 8.30-4.30)

Low gluten hosts

Available upon request

Hearing Loop:

For signal, set to 'T' (Telecoil).

www.catholicoutlook.org/

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Divine Mercy Sunday - April 12th

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina.

The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her Diary entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy.

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.

On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open.

I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow.

Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.

My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity.

Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy.

Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity.

The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness.

It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter.

Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast.

Divine Mercy Sunday is not a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations and is not primarily about St. Faustina. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter.

The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" does, however, highlight the meaning of the day.

Source: www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/greatgrace/dms

Chaplet of Divine Mercy - held every Friday

Prayed on rosary beads, the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist. Everyone is welcome to pray this Catholic devotion which is held every Friday at 3:30pm in our Marian Chapel. The timing is appropriate as it recalls the time of Christ's death on the cross during the "Hour of Great Mercy". In His revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for a special remembrance of His Passion at that hour. To know more: thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/chaplet

Please pray for our sick ...

Heavenly Father, We pray that you will lay your healing hands upon all those who are sick.

Aeroll Klein, Amanda Caputo, Antonia Maturano, Arlene Diaz, Aurora Ignacio, Bailey Whou, Ben Rivera, Bob McMillan, Darrel Morrison, David Nichols. David, Declan Trainor, Edgar Cruz, Ellen Wynne, Eric Wood, Fermin Manuel, Grace Kaddissi, Helene Barker, Irene Barry, John Gin, Joshua McCarroll, Judy Ibrahim, Krishna Premadas, Lesley Neylan, Loui Ibrahim, Loy De'Souza, Lucas Le Huray, Lynda Steel, Lynette Giri, Maria Mezzagosto, Marian Bacho, Maridel Manuzon, Mark Lopez, Mary McConvey, Michael Hall, Nick Galea, Peter Beck, Ron Locke, Sam Papallo, Stella Kim, Therese Garamy, Vanessa Ibrahim, Valeriano Estacio Jnr, Vincent (Vinny) Coorey.

Please pray for the repose of the souls:

Jack and Gladys Scott, Father David Scott, Beth Kenny, Charles and Josephine Clayton, George Steel, John and Kevin Young, Noel Young, Lorna and Jack Wardell, Roland Gonzalez, Arnold Morris, Doreen Marsh, Louis, Mary and George El-Bayeh, Margarete Collimore, John and Monica Bowman, Joan Vesper, Dex Habito, Margaret Gee, Gordon Pilcher, Charlotte Dos Remedios, Lena Pereira, Eric Balagtas, Michael Balagtas, Ann and David Adams, Joan Athaide, Lorenzo Agostino, Alliston Corner, Mervyn Davies, Samera Nicholas and the recently deceased Emmy Cox. **May the souls of our dearly departed rest in peace. Amen**